

## PARENTAL LETTER OF CONSENT FOR MINORS

Dear Parent:

I am a graduate student under the direction of Professor Atkinson in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Santa Clara University. I am conducting a research study to assess the usability of the application Code Girl, developed to interest girls ages 5 to 8 in computer science, and receive feedback that can be used to improve the application.

I am requesting your child's participation, which will involve completing a usability evaluation study and an anonymous follow-up survey, followed by a focus group about your child's experience with the application. These activities will take approximately two hours in total. Your child's participation in this study is voluntary. Your child will receive a gift for her participation in the study. If you choose not to have your child participate or to withdraw your child from the study at any time, there will be no penalty. Your child will still receive a gift for her participation. Likewise, if your child chooses not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time, there will be no penalty. The results of the research study may be published, but your child's name will not be used.

Although there may be no direct benefit to your child, the possible benefit of your child's participation is the opportunity learn about computer science, including basic logic and programming concepts and skills.

If you have any questions concerning the research study or your child's participation in this study, please call me at (650) 465-0421 or Dr. Atkinson at (408) 554-4499.

Sincerely,

Amanda Holl

By signing below, you are giving consent for your child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the above study, which will be recorded as follows. The usability evaluation study will be recorded using screen recording and the focus group will be recorded on audio. Only the researchers and advisor will have access to the recordings, which will be encrypted for security and permanently deleted once the primary investigator's thesis is approved.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

If you have any questions about you or your child's rights as a subject/participant in this research, or if you feel you or your child have been placed at risk, you can contact the Chair of the Human Subjects Committee through Office of Research Compliance and Integrity at (408) 554-5591.